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Nixon on 'Murky Little Things'

Washington

President Nixon, in an apparent reference to Watergate, said in a toast to Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka last night that his time on the world stage is too short to deal with "murky, vicious little things."

"Tonight as I think of what is appropriate to say to a great nation," Mr. Nixon said, "I think it is best to say that we here in America have our faults, but our total dedication is to using our emotional, intellectual and physical resources" to build a better world "and not let ourselves be remembered for the petty indecent things that seem to obsess us as we let the world go by."

The President's remarks seemed unrelated to the moment of the state dinner in honor of Tanaka where he delivered them.

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